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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT VISITS MALTA

1. ENROUTE TO HIS STATE VISITS TO ROMANIA, THE SOVIET UNION, YUGOSLAVIA AND IRAN, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA STOPPED BRIEFLY IN MALTA NOVEMBER 18.
2. DURING HIS THREE-HOUR VISIT, PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS RECEIVED WITH HONORS AT THE AIRPORT, HAD BREAKFAST WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR ANTHONY MAMO, AND MET WITH PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MINTOFF AND KAUNDA REPORTEDLY CENTERED ON INCREASING THE MINIMAL COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN MALTA AND ZAMBIA.
3. COMMENT: DUE TO THE LACK OF ANY SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MALTA AND ZAMBIA, NEITHER COUNTRY HAS RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE OTHER'S CAPITAL. HOWEVER, KAUNDA'S STOPOVER DID ENABLE MINTOFF TO PLAY HIS FAVORITE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN, HOWEVER BRIEFLY, DURING KAUNDA'S HIGHLY PUBLICIZED VISIT HERE. SMITH

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